

Morris and Felt Cases Dismissed.

Judge Morse and District Attorney Eichnor Hand Out Christmas Remembrances—Morris Was Charged With Bribery While Clyde Felt Was Charged With the Killing of Samuel Collins—Other Cases Stricken Off.

Judge Morse and Dist. Atty. Eichnor this morning handed out Christmas remembrances to a number of persons who stand charged on the records of the district court in the second degree of petit larceny, by dismissing the cases against them, thus removing the last legal obstacle in the way of their enjoying the festivities of the season. Nine criminal cases were dismissed by the court upon motion of the district attorney.

The first, and among the most important of the cases dismissed, is that of the people of the Territory of Utah against Joseph H. Morris, charged with a bribe in agreeing to receive a contract for the furniture for the City and County building from A. K. Andrews & Co. It was charged that Morris, in his official capacity as a selectman, agreed to accept a bribe of \$5,000 for voting in favor of the Andrews contract. The case was dismissed by Judge Morse on Dec. 20, 1902, and the jury returned a verdict of acquittal. The case was dismissed by Judge Morse on Dec. 20, 1902, and the jury returned a verdict of acquittal. The case was dismissed by Judge Morse on Dec. 20, 1902, and the jury returned a verdict of acquittal.

TRAINS RUN INTO EACH OTHER

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 24.—During a heavy snowstorm this morning Detroit and Grand Rapids trains ran into each other. The train from Detroit, No. 2, on the Pere Marquette railroad, crashed into the rear end of a flag station, 15 miles east of Grand Rapids. The train from Grand Rapids, No. 3, on the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad, was struck in the rear. The collision resulted in the death of one person and the injury of several others. The trains were derailed and the tracks were damaged.

CHICAGO POLICEMAN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Policeman Patrick Burke was found guilty and sentenced to prison for burglary. The crime was committed in a local jewelry store. Burke was caught with stolen goods and a key to the store. He was sentenced to a term of years in the state prison.

Prof. J. Forney Accidentally Killed

Springville, Ala., Dec. 24.—Prof. Jacob Forney of the state university was accidentally killed here today while shooting a squirrel. He was in the yard and the bullet entered his head. He died instantly.

Gibbons to the Pope

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—Cardinal Gibbons in accordance with the annual custom has sent letters of greeting to the pope and the cardinals of the world. The pope has responded with a letter of greeting. The cardinal is the head of the Catholic church in the United States.

Wealthy Mine Owner Missing

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 24.—John Doyle, a wealthy mine owner, has been missing for two weeks and foul play is suspected. Doyle left his home in San Bernardino and has not been seen since. His family is worried and the police are searching for him.

Tung Fu Siang Pears Arrested

New York, Dec. 24.—Pears arrested on Times from Shanghai, via London, on charges of fraud. He was caught with stolen goods and a large sum of money.

HONORED THE PROPHET'S BIRTH

Enthusiastic Meeting in the Sixteenth Ward Last Night.

MANY OLD-TIMERS PRESENT

Twenty-eight of Those in Attendance Had Seen the Prophet—Adorned and Sweet Music.

There was a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting last night in the Sixteenth ward meetinghouse, where a pleasant annual celebration, inaugurated some years ago by Bishop Kessler, was again observed with marked interest. This was the celebration of the birthday of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the interest and zest with which the occasion was entered into last evening, indicated that the entire ward was imbued with the spirit of it.

There were present 28 old-timers and pioneers, who had seen the Prophet in life, back in Nauvoo, and there were also present 27 persons who were relatives by blood or marriage with the Prophet. Among the former were an aged colored man named Manning and his sister, Aunt Jane, both of whom had decades ago worked for Joseph Smith. The evening's program was largely informal, and consisted mostly of brief speeches from the old-timers, whose memories seemed well filled with interesting recollections of the stirring scenes of years gone by, largely of the great persecution when the Rocky Mountains. There was also a splendid musical program, carried out as hitherto, in these columns.

Among the old-timers present, and who exercised the services, were: President H. J. Smith, Patriarch and Mrs. John Smith, President Shurtliff of Weber county, President Angus M. Cannon, Dr. Seymour B. Young, Col. A. M. Musser, Joshua Terry, Orson F. Arnold, S. W. Richards, Heber P. Richards, Job Smith, W. J. Bateman, George J. Taylor, W. E. Wilcox, Hopkins Pender, Charles Buckner, Bathsheba Smith, Lucy W. Smith, and others. The evening was very pleasantly spent, and the next similar occasion will be looked forward to with marked anticipation.

AT BIG COTTONWOOD.

Commemorative Services Held in the Ward House Yesterday.

Services commemorative of the 57th birthday of the Prophet Joseph Smith were held at 11 a. m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23, in the Big Cottonwood ward house. There was a large attendance. All the organizations of the ward were represented. The services commenced by the choir and congregation singing, "Praise to the man who was called by Jehovah." Prayers were offered by Bishop Kessler, Patriarch and Mrs. John Smith, and Elder W. J. Bateman. The services were very pleasant, and the next similar occasion will be looked forward to with marked anticipation.

Freight Took Rights.

Marquette, O., Dec. 24.—The north-bound Ohio river railroad passenger train leaving Williamstown, opposite this city, at 9:30, collided with a freight train, the freight was taking rights allowed to the passenger train. Details are meager. Both engines and trains are demolished, and it is reported that many are injured, and possibly some killed.

British Cotton Industry Loses.

London, Dec. 24.—The depression in the British cotton spinning industry is evidenced by the fact that 35 joint stock companies in Lancashire, with an aggregate capital of \$25,175,000, and having 6,667,000 spindles record a net loss of \$1,150 for this year.

Fatal Sweethearts' Quarrel.

Crookston, Minn., Dec. 24.—George Rundahl, a laborer, 38 years old last night, shot and killed Caroline A. Moon, aged 19, and then sent two bullets into his brain. He will die. It is thought the shooting was the result of a sweethearts' quarrel.

Burglars Clean Out a Postoffice.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 24.—The gang of bank and postoffice robbers which has been at work in this vicinity for the past year cleaned out the postoffice at Towanda last night. Money, stamps and registered mail, estimated from \$500 to \$1,000, were taken. The safe was blown but no one awakened. There is no clue.

Julius Lischer of Iowa Dead.

Davenport, Ia., Dec. 24.—Julius Lischer, county attorney, and one of the most prominent Republicans in Iowa, died this morning, with a complication of diseases.

LAURA BIGGAR DECLARED INNOCENT.

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 24.—The jury in the Biggar trial brought in a verdict this afternoon acquitting Miss Biggar and finding Hendricks and Stanton guilty of conspiracy.

MRS. CLARK IS VERY LOW.

It is Not Expected That She Will Live Many Hours.

Case of Dora Gregory.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Relatives of Dora Gregory, whose sad case is reported from Seattle, will endeavor to have her brought home. She is a daughter of John M. Gregory, a carpenter. For a number of years the young woman has been employed as a domestic in various Los Angeles families. Last September she left the city, saying she was going to Seattle, where she expected to be married on the 26th of that month. With the exception of a letter written late in November from Seattle to her sister, nothing was heard from the young woman until today, when a dispatch announced that she was violently insane and had been committed to an asylum.

"Harry Klages has brought this trouble on my sister," said Mrs. V. H. Harriot. "For eight years he has been in Seattle to her sister, calling on her at the places where she was employed and

The Proposals Are Received.

From Great Britain and Germany—Are in Such Form That President Can Accept or Reject Them Outright—His Decision is Not Known.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The proposals of Great Britain and Germany that President Roosevelt arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute have reached in Washington. They are in such form that the president can accept or reject the proposals outright. So far, the messages having been received while the president was absent from the White House, he has had no opportunity to consider them, and until he does so his decision cannot be known. For the same reason nothing can be gathered here as to the details of the proposals and although great interest is felt as to the extent of the limitations which the allies will ask to be placed on the arbitration, curiosity at that point must remain unsatisfied until the president has made up his mind what he shall do. It is known that he is disposed to act with all speed in this matter, for he realizes that the conditions on the blockade line are such that almost any moment an unpleasant incident may occur through the obstinacy of some skipper or from a genuine misunderstanding as to the terms of the blockade that may diminish the

chances of a peaceful settlement of the Venezuelan trouble.

GERMANY IS ANXIOUS.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Germany is anxious to receive President Roosevelt's acceptance of the formal invitation from Germany and Great Britain to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan controversy. The German government's preference is very decidedly in favor of arbitration through President Roosevelt, rather than through the Hague tribunal, because it believes the president will reach an early decision, whereas the Hague court would take many months. The officials also insist that it is to the advantage of the United States to have the president decide the matter.

ITALY WANTS ROOSEVELT.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Italy's reply to the arbitration proposal of Venezuela through Minister Bowen and the government of the United States among other things says it would be pleased if the question was settled by the arbitration of President Roosevelt and adds that if he does not accept Italy will have no objection to submitting the solution to The Hague tribunal.

NO WORD FROM COM. DIEHL.

Navy Department Unadvised Concerning His Reported Protest Against Action of the Blockading Squadron—He Has Requested No Instructions—Is Able to Handle Situation.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The navy department up to noon today had received no word from Commander Diehl of the Marietta concerning his reported protest against the action of the blockading squadron at Caracas in refusing to allow the Red D liner Caracas to remain in the harbor yesterday long enough to discharge her cargo.

Possible Trouble with Uruguay.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The state department is considering a struggle involving the legation of Uruguay here in a possible conflict with the United States courts as represented by the Argentine consul, Dr. B. Sparhawk, the author of the compilation of national music which is now used by the United States army and navy, called at the state department to seek its aid in recovering her ten-year-old nephew, Jos. Preston Ames, who according to her story, was removed from the custody of the district of Columbia supreme court and sent out of the country. The boy is now on the British steamer "Soldier's Pride" en route to Buenos Ayres and Mrs. Sparhawk wishes the state department to cause the United States consul at the first port of call to take the custody of the boy and ship him back to the United States.

Harry Stratton Married.

Oshkosh, Wis., Dec. 24.—Isaac Harry Stratton and Miss Josephine A. Larabee were married at 11 o'clock today at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Josephine Larabee, Rev. H. E. Smith, pastor of the First Congregational church, performed the ceremony. The groom is a son of the late Colorado millionaire. Considering the prominence of the couple, the wedding was decidedly quiet in its character. There were no decorations in the parlor where the ceremony was performed, and they were unattended. Besides their immediate relatives, W. N. Cooley, a college chum of the groom, and a number of friends were present. The wedding dinner was served in the dining room where no decorations were to be found. Mr. Stratton gave his bride a diamond ring and a watch. The couple left at 1 o'clock for the Northwestern road for the west.

Addresses by Corbett and Sullivan

Toledo, O., Dec. 24.—At the Salvation Army dinner to the poor of Toledo tomorrow James J. Corbett, John L. Sullivan, Mayor "Golden-Rule" Jones and Rev. F. D. Kelsey will address the assembled diners. Sullivan and Corbett, who are appearing at rival theaters this week, both volunteered to act as waiters at the dinner, but the army suggested that they make a speech. When they learned that Jones and Kelsey would speak they accepted the invitation.

Mme. Balenosa Released.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 24.—Mme. Balenosa, who was arrested on her arrival here yesterday from France, was released from custody today.

Will Not Delay Government Work.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Government work is not expected to suffer on account of the receivership ordered for the Trigg shipbuilding company at Richmond. The currier Galveston is the only ship now building at that yard. She is 65 per cent completed, according to the latest construction report. According to past precedents, if she is not finished by the receiver the government will complete her on its own account at the expense of the contractors. Provision for just such contingencies is made in the contract.

BATTALION BOY CALLED BEYOND

Shadrach Holdaway Dies at His Home in Provo.

WAS EIGHTY YEARS OF AGE

Had Been a Useful Citizen and Was One of Utah's Earliest Settlers—Funeral Saturday.

Provo, Dec. 24.—Shadrach Holdaway died at his home in the Third ward this morning after a week's illness, from pneumonia.

Decayed was born Oct. 15, 1822, in Hawkins county, Tenn., and in 1844 moved with his parents to Nauvoo, where he remained until the exodus of '46. He was a member of the Mormon Battalion and remained in California about a year after receiving his discharge. He came to Salt Lake in October, 1848 and on Dec. 24 of that year, married Lucinda Hays, by whom he had 14 children, 5 of whom are now living. In Nov. 1852 he married Eliza Pickens, by whom he had two children, one of which is now living. In '49 he went to St. Louis with Lorenzo Young and others to purchase machinery for carding and spinning wool, which he brought to Provo and operated until the factory started. He also erected a carpenter and blacksmith shop and built the first threshing machine built in Utah. He engaged extensively in the lumber business, road building and farming and was a man of untiring industry and most remarkable endurance, working constantly up to the day of the commonwealth of the state. His wife Lucinda had eight children and numerous grandchildren and other relatives survive him.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, the time and place to be announced later.

COLORADO LEGISLATURE.

State Canvassing Board Completes Canvass of the Votes.

Denver, Dec. 24.—The state canvassing board today completed the canvass of the vote for members of the legislature, awarding the certificate of election as representative in the disputed San Juan district to C. A. Cooper, Republican. The house contains 34 Republicans and 31 Democrats and the senate 11 Republicans and 24 Democrats. The Republican leaders have proposed to unseat the entire Arapahoe county delegation of 15 Democrats in the house on the ground of fraud in the election in Denver and thus prevent the re-election of United States Senator Teller, who will receive the entire Democratic vote. Should the house attempt to carry out this plan the senate will retaliate and a deadlock will probably result.

PRESERVED HER HONOR.

Mrs. Edward Burdick Shoots John Ryan in Self-Defense.

Buffalo, Dec. 24.—A special to the News from Bradford, Pa., says: At Olivedale, a small hamlet near here yesterday, Mrs. Edward Burdick shot John Ryan dead in defense of her honor. Ryan entered the woman's house during her husband's absence. She saw him coming and fearing trouble got the pistol out of a drawer and held it under her apron. When he attacked her she fired once, killing him instantly. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide. Ryan was a laborer employed about the place, had been drinking heavily for several days.

Capt. J. McKenna Accidentally Killed

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Capt. John McKenna, keeper of the lighthouse at Lime Point on the Marin county shore of the Golden Gate, was killed last night by falling over a 20-foot cliff, situated near the government property, of which he had charge. He spent the evening in this city and crossed the bay to Sausalito on a late boat. He started to walk the distance to the lighthouse in the dark, and his way led along the side of a steep embankment at the base of which is a mass of rocks and stones. He is supposed to have made a misstep in the darkness and to have fallen head first among the boulders. His skull was badly fractured and death must have resulted almost instantly.

Sophomores Will Pay Damages.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 24.—President MacLean, of Iowa state university, announced today that the investigation into the recent student riots had practically closed. The sophomores class has agreed to pay the damages, amounting to \$500, resulting from the riot.

Freight Traffic Tied Up.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 24.—Freight traffic on the Iowa Central is badly tied up in the yards of Marshalltown, a division point, because of a strike of the switchmen who went out today because of the failure of Supt. Sweeney to reply to their demand for an increase of wages, presented three weeks ago.

Child Burned to Death.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 24.—The one-year-old child of Frank Bowman of this city, burned to death this morning. The mother left the child alone in the kitchen and it reached the stove in some manner.

Princess Louise Under Surveillance

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Lokal Anzeiger today prints a dispatch from Dresden saying that King George of Saxony sent several of the highest police officials to Geneva to observe the report that the crown prince and crown princess were regarded as impossible during the life of King George, who entertained stringent religious scruples against divorce. The dispatch says, however, that Berlin will bring pressure to bear for a divorce.

The Weiser Water Supply.

District Disposes of \$60,000 Worth of Bonds Which Will Make Possible the Irrigation of 10,000 Acres of Choice Land—Maintenance of Ditch, Including Bonds, Will Cost About 75 Cents Per Acre.

[Special to the "News,"]

Boise, Ida., Dec. 24.—The Weiser irrigation district has just disposed of \$60,000 worth of bonds, selling them to the Boise City National bank and Alfred Eoff. Of the proceeds about \$20,000 is to be used toward enlarging the water supply and other improvements, and the balance is to be used to pay off an old indebtedness. There are 10,000 acres in the district, and it is estimated that the entire acre will be watered as soon as the ditch can be enlarged. The maintenance of the ditch, including interest on the bonds, will cost about 75 or 80 cents per acre. The district embraces a portion of the lower Weiser valley, including a part of the town-site of Weiser.

NEW CITY JAIL.

Mayor Signs Contract With Van Dorn Iron Works Company.

Mayor Thompson today attached his signature to the contract with the Van Dorn Iron Works company for the construction of the new city jail. The contract was approved by the council on Monday night. The mayor also approved the revocation of the franchise of the West Side Rapid Transit Railway company, on Second West street, between Seventh and Ninth South streets. The purchase of a sewer pump at a cost of not to exceed \$500, and the building of an addition to the post house, at a cost of \$200, also received the mayor's sanction.

RETURNED MISSIONARY.

Elder Robert J. Pace of St. George has just returned from a mission to the Northern States, where he labored in southern Oregon, including the cities of Ashland, Salem, Portland, Tacoma and Butte, Mont. He was set apart for his mission on the 28th of December, 1900. He had a most enjoyable time while absent from home, being well treated by the people among whom he labored. There was a good deal of indifference manifested among the people, but no violent opposition. He says President Pratt is wielding a good influence in the mission, and in a better condition than ever before. Elder Pace leaves on Saturday evening for his home in the south.

MAN AND WIFE ARRESTED.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kront Charged With Being Absconding Debtors.

This morning Sergeant Eddington arrested a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. William Kront, on a telegram from Milford stating that they were absconding debtors. They had just come up from Milford when Sergeant Eddington informed them that they were wanted and conducted them to the police station.

DECISION ON DRINKS.

Retail Liquor License to be Imposed on Soda Fountains.

Revenue Collector Callister has received a decision from Commissioner Yerkes of Washington, D. C., which involves in effect on Jan. 1, 1903, and which is of great interest to the proprietors of soda fountains, either in drug stores or confectionery stores. On and after that date persons owning soda fountains where drinks are served containing distilled spirits, wine or any compound thereof will be compelled to pay a retail liquor license to the federal government.

LOWER COURT AFFIRMED.

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Result in Case of Irving Herkimer vs. Thomas Kearns.

In the case of Irving Herkimer vs. Thomas Kearns in the federal court this morning, according to instructions by Judge Marshall, the jury found for the plaintiff. While the verdict returned did not embrace all that was asked in the complaint, nevertheless, it involved the quieting of title to about two and a half acres of mineral lands situate in Summit county.

KEARNS AND SUTHERLAND.

Senator and Congressman Come Home For the Holidays.

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IN SEARCH OF MURDERERS.

Deputy Sheriff Jones of Evanston On a Man Hunt.

SHEPHERD THE VICTIM.

Was Hit in the Head With a Fish Plate and His Body Covered With a Blanket.

Deputy Sheriff Jones of Evanston, Wyo., is in the city in search of some due to the murders of a shepherd named Kuffman, who was killed on Dec. 17, about four miles east of Opal, Wyo. The murdered man was found lying near the Oregon Short Line track in a clump of bushes, where he had evidently been carried by the men who committed the deed. Jones had taken the precaution to cover the body with a blanket. An examination showed that the man had been hit in the back of the head with a fish plate and stabbed in the neck. Deputy Jones has the description of two men who are suspected of complicity in the crime, and, in company with Deputy Sheriff Hahsigh of this city, he made a thorough search of the town last night, but found no trace of the men wanted. Deputy Jones will leave tonight for his home.

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